Bhavnagar (39360; 141, 118, 128), Jamnagar (44601; 142, 80, 58), Bhuntar (15126; 8, 37, 18), Raipur (75948; 303, 111, 107), Dimapur (27798; 48, 39, 35), Khajurao (28294; 165, 117, 153), Jorhat (27607; 39, 35, 48), Agatti (9614; 19, 26, 10), Porbandar (9131; 39, 34, 39), Agra (17584; 75, 102, 64), Tirupathi (15078; 35, 44, 88); Diu (11944; #, #, #), Gorakhpur (7780; 29, 1.5, 0.59), Rajahmundry (3736; 19, 28, 35), Tezpur (5546; 11, 10, 4), Surat (currently taken over by AAI from State Govt.) (2817; 0, 0, 0), Shimla (1504; 4, 11, 9), Vijayawada (8732; 9, 8, 8), Gaggal (1067; 2, 4, 3.5), Lakhimpur (3090; 10, 6.5, 0), Dehradun (561; 2, 9, 8), Jabalpur (568; 4, 6, 19), Ludhiana (181; 1, 3, 5), Gwalior (735; 1, 7, 11), Kolhapur (444; #, #, #), Tezu (219; 2, 1, 0.75), Keshod (88; 0.43, 1, 1), Pondicherry (38; 13, 12, 10), Hubli (8517; 21, 1, 0.49), Tuticorin (78; #, #, #), Kanpur (Chakeri) (21; 6, 2, 1), Jaisalmer (306; 0, 0, 1.5), Kandla (64; 1.5, 1, 3), Belgaum (7203; 57, 7, 8), Salem (141; 1, 1, 0), Barapani (0; 8, 0, 0), Jharsuguda (#; 0.11, 0.14, 0), Pathankot (#, 0, 0, #), Kota (#; 0.33, 6, 5), Pantnagar (#; 0.42, 5.46, 3) and Malda (#; 3, 0.23, 0.76).

International Airport in Hyderabad

34. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government are going to give fast track clearance to international airport at Hyderabad;

(b) whether it is a fact that the basic issues have since been addressed in the recent concession agreement for Bangalore Airport Project;

(c) whether any specific date has been fixed by which international airport at Hyderabad is going to be cleared; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Government has accorded 'in principle' approval to the proposal of State Government of Andhra Pradesh for construction of a Greenfield airport of international standards at Shamshabad near Hyderabad.

(b) Concession Agreement is project specific. While broad heads of terms have been addressed, each agreements may have some distinct features.

#Means Not available/Not significant.

(c) and (d) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has identified a consortium led by GMR Infrastructure with Malaysian Airport Holding Berhard as the preferred bidder for implementation of the project. Government will endeavour to finalise the concession agreement with Hyderabad International Airport Limited at the earliest. However, no specific date has been fixed as consultations and detailed examination are under progress.

Institutional credit to farmers

35. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers who committed suicides mostly borrowed money from money lenders and not from institutional sources;

(b) the action taken for granting institutional credit to small farmers by adopting innovative methods to rescue them from the clutches of money lenders; and

(c) the measures proposed for a big push to public investment in rural areas to assist farmers in getting loans liberally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) There are reports to the effect that farmers have committed suicides due to their crop failure and consequent inability to repay the loans taken from the money lenders.

(b) and (c) The announcement made by the Government on18th June, 2004 envisages the following relief measures for the farmers.

(i) Rescheduling/restructuring of loan of distressed farmers.

(ii) One Time Settlement (OTS) for small and marginal farmers.

(iii) Fresh finance for farmers whose earlier debts have been settled through compromise or writ off; and

(iv) Relief measures for farmers indebted to non-institutional lenders.

RBI and NABARD have issued guidelines on 24th June and 29th June, 2004 respectively to Commercial Banks, Cooperative and RRBs to provide relief to the farmers as envisaged in the announcement.